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Sacramento on Thursday joined several other Northern California counties in formally ordering residents to remain in their homes and to go out for essential chores — a drastic curtailment of societal functions that public health officials say is essential to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

The countywide order carries the force of law. Earlier this week, County Health Director Peter Beilenson announced the same restrictions, but issued them in the form of a directive, which did not have the force of law. A violation of the order can be treated as a misdemeanor crime. Yolo County issued the same order on Wednesday.

SEE STAY HOME, 10A

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Sacramento County officials practice social distancing at a news conference Thursday as they announce a stay-at-home order that bans non-essential activities — another step in the effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

ALL CALIFORNIANS UNDER ORDER NOW

In a dramatic declaration, Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered all of California to stay at home to fight the pandemic late Thursday. Newsom acknowledged the deep anxiety of the moment: "I'm being very straight with you. I think it's time to tell you what I tell my family." **Latest updates at sacbee.com**

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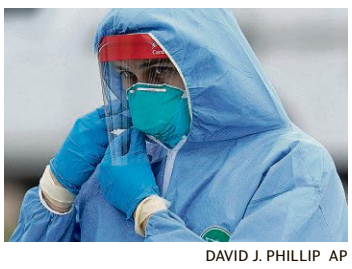

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Newsom praises Trump, but 'we need more swabs'

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An hour after Gov. Gavin Newsom got off the phone with President Donald Trump on Tuesday, he talked publicly at a news briefing about the "privilege of a conversation," and said the president promised more swabs to test for coronavirus.

"We need more swabs... The president assured me, not only assured me, he was aware of where those swabs are being procured before I even offered my own insight," Newsom said. "Not only is he on top of it, but they're securing and beginning the process of distributing those swabs."

In the next sentence, Newsom acknowledged that California's lack of swabs is impeding officials' ability to expand drive-up testing sites, a critical step as the state scrambles to slow the spread of the deadly virus that causes COVID-19.

Newsom has repeatedly said he has no criticisms for Trump's coronavirus response. Yet his state is still waiting on needed equipment from the federal government to run tests and prepare its medical system for a surge in new patients -- equipment the Democratic governor says he's been requesting for weeks.

It's a change for now in the relationship between the two men, who have traded insults and sparred over issues from homelessness to water rights.

California has filed more than 70 lawsuits against the Trump administration, many of which Newsom's office initiated.

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Doug deVries, right, looks at the meat at Taylor's Market on Wednesday.

GROCERY OFFICIAL: DON'T STOCKPILE

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Faced with bare grocery shelves, the head of the state grocers association on Thursday called on consumers to stop panicked over-buying, saying the state's supermarket supply chain has been stressed and needs a chance to catch up.

Speaking at a coronavirus press conference in Sacramento County where a new stay at home order was announced, Ronald Fong, president of the California Grocers Association, called on con-

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California unemployment claims double in 2 days

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California is seeing a big spike in unemployment claims as the state and nation hurtle towards the first recession in 12 years.

"We are currently experiencing a large increase in claims filed in our programs and have staff working overtime to keep up with the demand," said Loree Levy, spokesman for the state's Economic Development Department.

"In addition, we are working to redirect other staff, and hire additional staff, as much as possible to assist with the claim filing process," she said.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said Wednesday evening that the state typically receives about 2,000 claims daily. "Two, three days ago we saw about 40,000 ... then 70,000." he said. "Yesterday, 80,000 applications. It doubled in a 48 hours period."

He said the administration is asking state workers in other departments with the necessary skills to help process the influx.

"They are making themselves essential and rotating out of their job description to meet this moment," he said.

On Thursday morning, the federal Department of Labor reported advance claims on unemployment insurance rose to 281,000 nationwide and 58,208 in California — gains of 70,000 and 14,823, respectively.

The total number of new claims in California represents a 34% increase over a week ago.

The state has not received details on how the

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